

Apart from the above, the following major stations in Tamil Nadu have also been taken up for modernization which is targeted for completion by March, 2007:

Kumbakonam, Vridhachalam and Tambaram.

In addition, the following stations have also been identified for development as Model station in the State of Tamil Nadu:

Arakkonam Jn. Chengalpattu, Chennai Beach, Coimbatore, Erode Jn., Kanniyakumari, Katpadi, Madurai, Mambalam, Rameshwaram, Salem Jn., Tiruchchirappalli, Tirunelveli, Tiruttani, Tuticorin, Jolarpettai, Dindigui, Tiruppur, Thanjavur, Nagercoil, Ambur, Kovilpatti, Virudhunagar, Villupuram Jn. and Hosur.

Gauge conversion and doubling work in Rajasthan

†1928. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of metre gauge conversion of Ajmer-Phulera-Jaipur and the doubling work of Jaipur-Dausa and Dausa-Bandikui-Alwar-Rewari section of North West Railway would be undertaken in the plan of year 2007-08; and

(b) whether Bandikui-Agra section of the North West Railway would be considered for doubling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Annual Plan for 2007-08 is to be finalized and approved. However, conversion of metre gauge line from Ajmer to Jaipur, doubling of Jaipur-Dausa and Dausa-Bandikui sections have already been taken up.

(b) Doubling of a section is undertaken when the section is considered saturated from the traffic point of view. At present, there is no proposal to undertake doubling of Bandikui-Agra section.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.